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Sir:

Applicants submit this communication in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Favorable consideration of the documents cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to make of record two pre-grant oppositions which were recently filed in India against Indian Patent Application Number 1344/DEL/98 (the "Indian patent application"). The Indian patent application and the referenced U.S. application, including the grandparent

US 6,369,085 (the "085 patent") and parent US 6,677,455 (the "455 patent"), belong to the same patent family and are owned by the same corporate assignee.

The attached Form PTO/SB/08A identifies the two opposition documents. The opposed Indian patent application is also identified. But for the claims presently pending in the referenced U.S. application, the Indian and referenced U.S. applications, as originally filed, are substantially identical.

The remaining documents identified on the Form PTO/SB/08A are documents cited in one or both oppositions which are not yet of record in the referenced U.S. application. All other documents cited in the oppositions are already of record: EP 0 005 129; EP 0 124 495; WO 94/27988; WO 96/01623; and WO 96/02535. These documents were considered by the Examiner on or about July 8, 2004 as evidenced by the Examiner's initials appearing before the citation of these documents in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicants on September 25, 2003.

For the sake of completeness, Applicants take this opportunity to also make of record and identify the parent '455 patent and US 6,747,155 (the "155 patent") on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A even though the '455 and '155 patents are not cited in either of the Indian oppositions. The '155 patent is a continuation-in-part of the '085 patent.

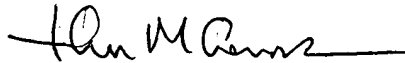
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Respectfully submitted,

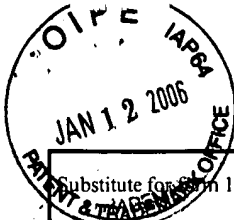


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		US 6,677,455	01-13-2004	Kronstrom et al.	
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